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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Child Abuse Medical Providers (Maryland CHAMP)” means a network of Maryland health care professionals with the expertise to address the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect while working closely with other disciplines and organizations addressing these issues, including child advocacy centers.

(c) “Child Abuse Medical Providers (Maryland CHAMP) faculty” means a core group of clinical experts, as designated by the Department, who provide training, consultation, and support for the diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and neglect to health care professionals.

(d) “Child advocacy center” means a child–focused entity within or outside a health care facility that investigates, diagnoses, and treats children who may have been abused or neglected that:

(1) Includes local law enforcement officers, local criminal prosecutors, and the local department of social services; and

(2) May include child mental health service providers and other children and family service providers.

(e) “Initiative” means the Child Abuse Medical Providers (Maryland CHAMP) Initiative.

(f) “Multidisciplinary team” means a group of professionals with expertise in various health care and social service professional disciplines who provide consultation, treatment, and planning in cases of child abuse and neglect.

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